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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 March 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive the applicant's communication filed 3/22/2004.
2. Claims 1-28 are pending and presented for examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/22/2004 and 9/20/2004 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, it has been placed in the application file. The information referred to therein has been considered as to the merits.

Double Patenting

4. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

5. Claims 12-28 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 12-19 and 31-38 of U.S. co-pending application No. 10/635,419. This is obviousness-type double patenting since the conflicting claim is not yet been patented.

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6. The subject matter claimed in the instant application is fully disclosed in the U.S. co-pending application No. 10/635419 and would cover any patent granted on that U.S. co-pending application No. 10/635419 since the U.S. co-pending application No. 10/635419 and the instant application are claiming common subject matter. Although the conflict claim is not identical, it is not patentably distinct from each other because of the following reasons: Claim 12 of the instant application substantially recites the limitations of claim 12 of U.S. co-pending application No. 10/635419. The claim merely omits certain limitations and replaces the bolded limitation as shown in comparison table below.

Co-pending application claim 12	Instant application claim 12
<p>12. A method of content management comprising:</p> <p>receiving a user input entered in a plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements associated with a content subject, each of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements having a rhetorical structure to facilitate selective assembly into at least one sentence;</p> <p>storing the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements in a data record associated with the content subject;</p>	<p>12. A method of content management comprising:</p> <p>receiving a user input entered in a plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements associated with a content subject, each of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements having a rhetorical structure to facilitate selective assembly into at least one sentence;</p> <p>storing the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements in a data record associated with the content subject, the text entry</p>

<p>converting at least a portion of the data record into a structured format file supporting rhetorical elements, the structured format file including at least one grammatical structured text entry element of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements; and</p> <p>rendering an electronically displayable document using the structured format file, the electronically displayable document including the at least one grammatical structured text entry element integrated into at least one sentence.</p>	<p>elements configured in accordance with a structure based upon an audience profile;</p> <p>converting at least a portion of the data record into a structured format file supporting rhetorical elements, the structured format file including at least one grammatical structured text entry element of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements; and</p> <p>rendering an electronically displayable document using the structured format file, the electronically displayable document including the at least one grammatical structured text entry element integrated into at least one sentence, the displayable document assembled in response to the audience profile.</p>

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art of data processing at the time the invention was made to modify the steps as indicated claim 12 of U.S. co-pending application

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No. 10/635419 since the omission and addition of the cited limitations would have not changed the process according to which a method for content management comprising: receiving a user input entered in a plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements associated with a content subject, each of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements having a rhetorical structure to facilitate selective assembly into at least one sentence; storing the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements in a data record associated with the content subject, the text entry elements configured in accordance with a structure based upon an audience profile; converting at least a portion of the data record into a structured format file supporting rhetorical elements, the structured format file including at least one grammatical structured text entry element of the plurality of grammatical structured text entry elements; and rendering an electronically displayable document using the structured format file, the electronically displayable document including the at least one grammatical structured text entry element integrated into at least one sentence, the displayable document assembled in response to the audience profile. Therefore, the ordinary skilled artisan would have also motivated to modify claim 12 of the instant application by adding the steps wherein *the text entry elements configured in accordance with a structure based upon an audience profile...*, the displayable document assembled in response to the audience profile. The cited omitting elements would not interfere with the functionality of the steps previously claimed and would perform the same function. *In re karlson*, 136 USPQ 184 CCPA 1963).

The dependent claims 13-20 of the instant application are rejected for fully incorporating the errors of the respective base claim by dependency.

Other Prior Art Made Of Record

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure. U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications will not be supplied with Office actions. Examiners advises the Applicant that the cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are available for download via the Office's PAIR. As an alternate source, all U.S. patents and patent application publications are available on the USPTO web site (www.uspto.gov), from the Office of Public Records and from commercial sources. For the use of the Office's PAIR system, Applicants may refer to the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at <http://www.uspto.gov/ebc/index.html> or 1-866-217-9197.

Points Of Contact


8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacques Veillard whose telephone number is (571) 272-4086. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon. to Fri. from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, alt. Fri. off..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on (571) 272- 4146. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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